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Longstanding family farms to be recognized at Indiana Statehouse

INDIANAPOLIS (March 15, 2016) — On March 28, [Lt. Governor Eric Holcomb](#) and [Indiana State Department of Agriculture \(ISDA\)](#) Director Ted McKinney will be presenting Hoosier Homestead Awards to nearly 50 farming families, recognizing their commitment to Indiana agriculture.

What: [Hoosier Homestead Awards Ceremony](#)

Who: Lt. Governor Eric Holcomb and ISDA Director Ted McKinney will offer remarks and present the Hoosier Homestead Awards.

When: March 28, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. (EST)

Where: Indiana Statehouse (South Atrium) located at 200 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204

The Hoosier Homestead program is administered by ISDA and has recognized more than 5,000 farms since 1976. To be named a Hoosier Homestead, farms must be owned by the same family for more than 100 consecutive years; and consist of more than 20 acres or produce more than \$1000 of agricultural products per year.

Visit www.in.gov/isda/2337.htm to learn more about the Hoosier Homestead Award Program.

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ABOUT ISDA

The [Indiana State Department of Agriculture \(ISDA\)](#) was established as a separate state agency by the Legislature in 2005. The Director is appointed by the Governor and is a member of the Governor's Cabinet. Administratively, ISDA reports to [Lt. Governor Eric Holcomb](#), who also serves as Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture. Major responsibilities include advocacy for Indiana agriculture at the local, state and federal level, managing soil conservation programs, promoting economic development and agricultural innovation, serving as a regulatory ombudsman for agricultural businesses, and licensing grain firms throughout the state.

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